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Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

We meet the third Monday of every month except January and February.

Affiliations: BSBC supports the BSI, Cryptanthus Society and FCBS (2017-2020)





THE PRESIDENT'S DECEMBER MESSAGE

Happy Holidays to One and All – Hope you aren't confused by our Holiday Party date on **Thursday, December 14, 2017**. This will be our only meeting in December. This year our SCURF will be sent to our members days before the big event.

Just reminding everyone to make their list and check it twice for your gift (can be a bromeliad (POTTED) or a plant related gift). Remember to cover it for the Chinese Auction. All of our wonderful cooks should bring one of the following: an appetizer, a salad or side dish or a dessert. The Society is providing the plates, utensils, refreshments and the main entrée. The only thing better than our gardening is our cooking. The Society will also give a bromeliad gift to each member who attends. Thank you, Harriet Abo and Larry Davis for setting up our dining room with the entrees, refreshments and tables. Thank you, too, to Shirley and Rich Konefal for purchasing the gift bromeliads for our members.



On November 18, 2017, sixteen BSBC members assembled at Fairchild Tropical Gardens for a tram tour, including a crocodile sunning on the lakeshore. The Gardens are still in recovery from Hurricane Irma but the major trees had survived the wind damage. The butterfly house was intact and the butterflies were very active. John F. Medeiros, who is an avid photographer, was able to capture on film their beautiful color differences. Otherwise, the rest of us only captured a small dot on film. We had lunch at the on-site restaurant. The Gardens have contracted with a new vendor and we enjoyed excellent homemade sandwiches, salads and desserts. The weather cooperated with a balmy day. Thank you, too, Gayle Spinell-Gellers, for including photos of our group and the Gardens in this month's edition.

Look for an article in the Our City Plantation magazine this December featuring pictures of our October Fall Auction. Thank you, Beverly Perkins, for featuring our members in your magazine.

IMPORTANT: JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR HAVE FEDERAL HOLIDAYS ON OUR NORMAL MEETING DAY – WE HAVE RESCHEDULED THOSE MEETINGS FOR:

JANUARY 18, 2018
FEBRUARY 12, 2018

REMEMBER JANUARY IS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH. Due to increased Society costs, the Board approved an increase in family memberships to \$35; single memberships to \$30 and student memberships will remain at \$10. A \$5.00 late fee will be added for those members renewing after January 31, 2018. WE WILL BE GIVING AWAY A SHEET OF RAFFLE TICKETS TO THOSE WHO RENEW IN JANUARY.

On **FEBRUARY 12, 2018, Dr. Teri Bert** will give a presentation on using the Florida Council for Bromeliad Societies to identify your plants on their photographic sites and other valuable information. Our election slate will be presented in our February meeting for approval by our general membership. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer for the Board, please let me know. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at Deicke Auditorium. Our meeting are usually over by 7:30 pm.

I have asked Gayle Spinell-Gellers, our SCURF and Website Editor to identify our meeting dates on our website and also on our Facebook page to help our members and the public to attend our general meetings, auctions and special events. Our website address is www.bromeliadsocietybc.com

Our Society has been invited to participate in the Bromeliad Society of South Florida's Annual Show and Sale on March 23-25, 2018. If you are interested in showing your plants for judging, please let me know.

I want to take this moment to thank everyone for your active participation as members; our Board and our Committee Chairpersons. Without you, our Society would not be celebrating its 53rd year. Our volunteers have made it happen.

Our holiday evening of fun begins promptly at 6:00 on December 14th.

Enjoy your families and friends this Holiday Season and join us for the NEW YEAR on January 18, 2018.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Becky



Hi Gang –

HARRIET'S HOOTS

Well, it's that time of year again when you all have to be good and do you know why? It's because Santa Claus is on the lookout. You do all believe in Santa don't you???? I do, because he is that Happy Jolly Fellow who flies around one time a year with his trusty reindeers. Hmm, it is a little strange isn't it, flying around with nine reindeers with one of them leading the pack and has a shiny red nose (lol). Oh well; we all have to believe in something.

As you know, the club will be having our annual pot-luck holiday party. The date is **Thursday, December 14th** and it will be held at Deicke (our normal meeting place). The party begins at 6:00 pm, but if you all could come a bit earlier it would be helpful. It takes time to set up, place the food, unwrap, etc. That way we will have plenty of time to get organized and everyone can decide where you want to sit and no one feels rushed.

In regards to the food, the club is supplying a Honey Baked ham and turkey breast and there will also be an assortment of drinks. I do not have a list this year of what people might bring, but we can use the following: appetizers, side dishes (veggies), salads would be nice and of course, desserts would hit the spot. I know that you all are fabulous cooks so anything you can make would be terrific.

One last thing I need to mention is if your dish requires it, **please, please** don't forget to bring serving utensils. If you have any questions on what to bring, please do not hesitate to call my cell # 954-268-3471 and I will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Well, that's it for now. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Holiday Party. Bring your dishes, a great big smile and we'll all have a wonderful time. Hugs, Harriet



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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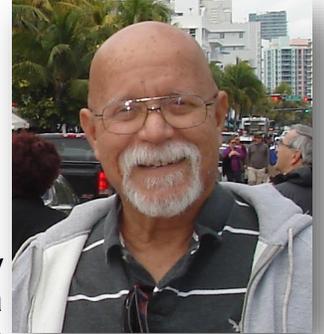


Brad Beardsley
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RICHARD'S TAKE ON OUR NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP



FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN
Exploring, Explaining and Conserving the World of Tropical Plants



Whether you have been to Fairchild many times....or never had, the Society outing in November gave everyone the opportunity to enjoy this treasure. It is a wonderful means of partaking the myriad of tropical plants we can enjoy here in South Florida, and when you go at different times of the year, you will always discover something new.

Our intrepid group started out with the tram tour which is the best way to get an overall feeling of the gardens. The tour explains so much and points out particular points of interest. Although the gardens fared well overall from Irma, the driver pointed out features such as the "tide line" from the tidal surge still visible on the trunk of a kapok tree in the lagoon area. We even had a rare sighting – a Florida crocodile! My one suggestion on taking the tram tour is to NOT sit right behind the driver due to the vibrations and noise of the motor.

After the tram tour everyone went in several directions....but not before having lunch in the new Glass-house Café. Those who indulged in the cold mango-cucumber-mint soup will attest to the quality of the food served, while we admired the Chihuly chandelier in the dining room. In addition to the rare plant house, they have a new indoor butterfly garden / experience where you can get up close and personal with those beautiful critters. It was a most relaxing and delightful experience. In addition, the American Orchid Society now has their headquarters at Fairchild, so it thus is a pleasure to view different orchids throughout the rainforest area. While some left, many of us stayed longer to wander, take photos and just "smell the flowers."

The Society's next outings will be in March when we will go to Nature's Relics for a hands-on experience of mounting bromeliads, and more. That will be followed by a trip over to Venice (Florida, of course) to visit and shop at Michael's Bromeliads. But I must remind you that trip is limited to 20.

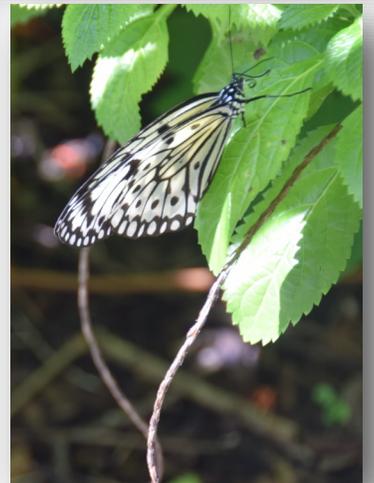
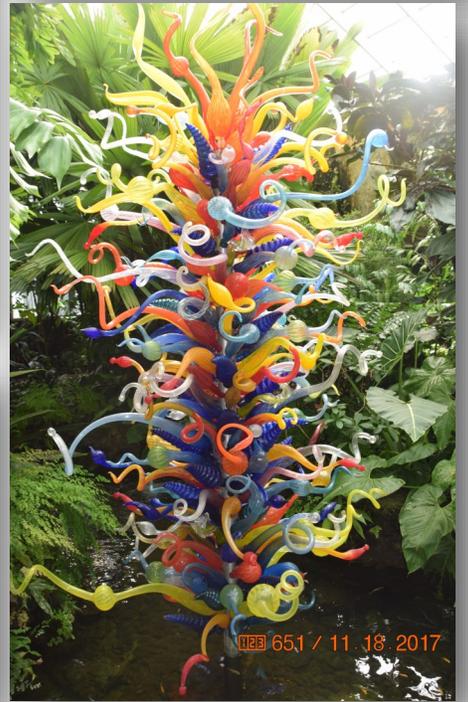
In the meantime, see you at the Holiday party!

Richard Sedlak

BROMS, BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES @ FAIRCHILD







**For Sale: The BSBC LCD projector: Viewsonic PDJ 5111 with 2500 ansi lumens. \$100.
Machine specs are [here](#).**



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Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

Be the first to identify the mystery plant to the right and win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets.

Email: yroftiger@aol.com with your guess.



FROM THE EDITOR

You know it is a banner month when you get to visit not one but two botanical gardens. In addition to our society's terrific tram tour of Fairchild Gardens with lunch together along side the butterfly garden (it can't get much better than that), my husband and I got to visit the Naples Botanic Garden on another picture perfect Saturday. Bromeliads were right out front of the garden as you enter. The garden lost 300 trees due to Irma but they managed to save another 200. Our docent spoke with such appreciation for the many people who literally showed up en masse one day to help out. Apparently the word had gotten out and the horticultural grapevine on the west coast of Florida sprang into action. Staffers came to work one day and so did all these unexpected workers with their equipment. Despite significant damage, the garden was able to reopen after three weeks due to everyone's efforts and, although you can still see remnants of that damage, the garden is a lovely place to visit. We are lucky to have so many natural places scattered throughout our state particularly so many that feature bromeliads.



Yay! Given the slightly cooler weather we can get back into the garden without melting! Literally overnight my Blue Tangos have sent up spikes as did my assorted aechmeas. Every day something new is appearing. Hopefully you got to check out the vendors at the Bonnet House Orchid Sale this past weekend. There were some good buys on broms and some very unique plants particularly suited to attracting butterflies and hummingbirds. Can not wait to mix them in with my ananas and neos. In preparation for adding those new plants, I spent some time yesterday cleaning out a small brom garden on the north side of the house. It is being overrun by ferns which I didn't plant and spider plants which I had just tossed into the corner willy nilly before I had a clue what I was doing. The rake caught seven or eight credit cards, a driver's license, medical ID, etc. belonging to a man in Coral Springs..... They were caked in dirt but still valid. No idea how they landed in my garden so it was off to the Plantation Police Dept. to see if they could return them to their rightful owner. You just never know what you will find in the garden.

Gardening rules!



May your garden thrive in the new year.

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE

Dec. 10, 2017	Gift and Plant Sale	Florida Botanical Gardens, Largo
Dec. 15—16, 2017	Tropiflora Nursery Winter Sale	3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota
Mar. 17-18, 2018	 <p style="font-size: small;">GFWC Plantation Woman's Club & City of Plantation Presents Garden Fest Plant Extravaganza March 17th & 18th, 2018 Saturday - 9am to 5pm Sunday - 9am to 4pm Great Food & Music Free Entry & Parking</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">FOR MORE INFO CALL 954.530.0076 Volunteer Park 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, FL 33323 WWW.GFWCPLANTATIONWOMANSClub.COM</p>	Volunteer Park
Mar. 24-25, 2018	40th Annual Bromeliad Show and Sale	Bromeliad Society of South Florida Fairchild Gardens Coral Gables
May 29—June 3, 2018	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA

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IS
THURS., DEC. 14, 2017
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HOLIDAY PARTY !!!!

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Title	Author	Copyright
Blooming Bromeliads	Ulrich Baensch	1998
Brazil Orchid of the Tropics	Mulford & Racine Foster	1945
Bromeliaceae Andreanae	Edouard Francois Andre	1983
Bromeliaceae Ole Proceedings of the 1982 World Bromeliad Conf	Corpus Christi Bromeliad	1982
Bromeliaceaes of Venezuela	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1987
Bromeliaceas en Flor (In Spanish)	Ulrich Baensch	1996
Bromeliads	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1996
Bromeliads - Genera, Species, Hybrids	Louis Dutrie	none
Bromeliads Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads for Contemporary Gardens	Andrew Steens	
Bromeliads for Home Garden & Greenhouse	Werner Rauh	1973
Bromeliads Horticulturalist Guide	Jack Kramer	1981
Bromeliads in Cultivation	Robert Gardner Wilson	1964
Bromeliads in the Brazilian Wilderness	Elton M.C. Leme	1993
Bromeliads in the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1997
Bromeliads, Houseplants of Today & Tomorrow	Walter Richter	none
Bromelien (German)	Werner Rauh	1973
Canistropsis - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1998
Jewel of the Tropics - The Bromeliads	Lyman B. Smith	1969
Nidularium - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	2000
Searching for Miss Fortuna - The Hunt for a Bromeliad	Chester Skotak	2007
Taking Bromeliads		
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1981
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1981
Tillandsia II	Paul T. Isley III	2009
University Press of Florida		2011